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Tuesday

READINGS

Psalm 100; Genesis 49:29/50:14, 1 Cor 11:17-33, Mark 8:1-10

DEVOTION

As long as we live, life will present us many challenges that at times may seem to overwhelm us. This has truly been a year of such challenges for my family and me. Just like many other military families, we relocated from Fort Drum, New York to Wiesbaden Germany in April of 2005. After arriving in Wiesbaden we were informed that the unit would be deploying to Iraq in Six months.

The combination of re-locating and preparing to deploy again in less than six months could have caused my family to experience many emotions that could have left a negative impact on them. As I read the devotional readings I could apply what the psalmist David in Psalm 100 is saying to me and my family at this moment in our lives.

The psalmist David encourages us to Trust in the Lord, even when everything around us looks bad. He challenges us to make a joyful noise (Sing) to the Lord. This helps us to concentrate on the words we want to say to the Lord and takes our attention away from the things in life that cause us to worry. David is clear that God cares about us. We are the sheep of his pasture. We all know that sheep require constant attention, and that gives me a powerful sense of comfort, knowing that I have God's personal attention.

As life tries its best to drag you down, I encourage you to do what David so simply explained here: simply look to heaven and start singing, make up your own song, one that is personal to you and God. Sing away the sadness, sing away the pain, sing away the worry and doubt. Enter into his gates and bless his name, for the Lord is good and his mercy is everlasting.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the wonderful name of Jesus, I come to you and ask that you bless me in everything I do. Lord I plead that the precious blood of Jesus covers me and my family, Amen

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